

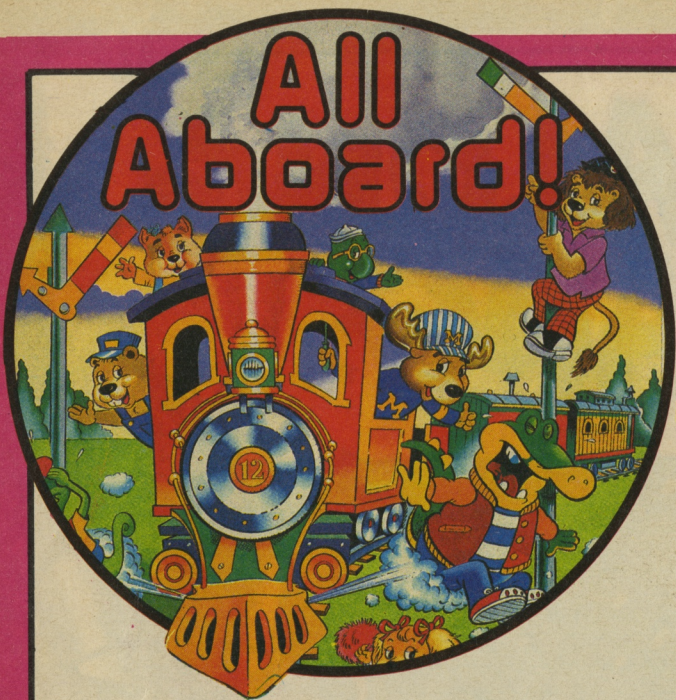
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GET ALONG GANG™





HI GANG!

Only one more week to Christmas! Excited? Well, I sure am! What have you asked Santa for? I asked for Antler-Warmers—I've been feeling pretty cold these days! Next week we've got some great Get Along Gang Christmas gift tags for you to cut out and put on your presents! The gang is going to go carol singing tonight... but you can read all about it on page 16...

Montgomery

Read on

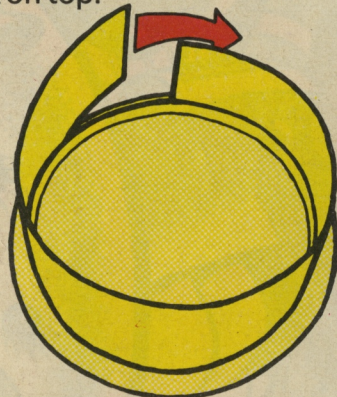
Like to make a Christmas Surprise Cake-Box? Made to our own UHU recipe – for you to give a whole load of surprises!

GANG PROJECT

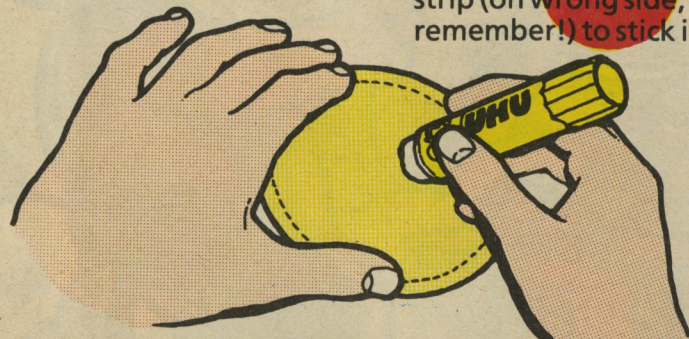
You will need...

One empty cheese-spread box. Two strips, each long enough to go around the bottom of the box, and about 2½ inches wide. One of cardboard, one of gift-wrapping paper. Three tea-plate size circles (5 inches in diameter). One each of cardboard and paper for the base, one of paper for the lid. A UHU Stic – a safe and washable glue – tell mum!

Cover the cardboard circle and strip with the wrapping-paper, using UHU Stic, then pencil around the bottom of the cheese box onto the circle, plain side underneath. Spread this space with UHU, and stick box on top.



Spread UHU Stic around the bottom and side edges of the strip (on wrong side, remember!) to stick into place.



Now spread UHU Stic over top and sides of the cheese-box lid and stick down the second paper circle, cutting nicks around circle edge to fit lid, and complete the top of your cake!

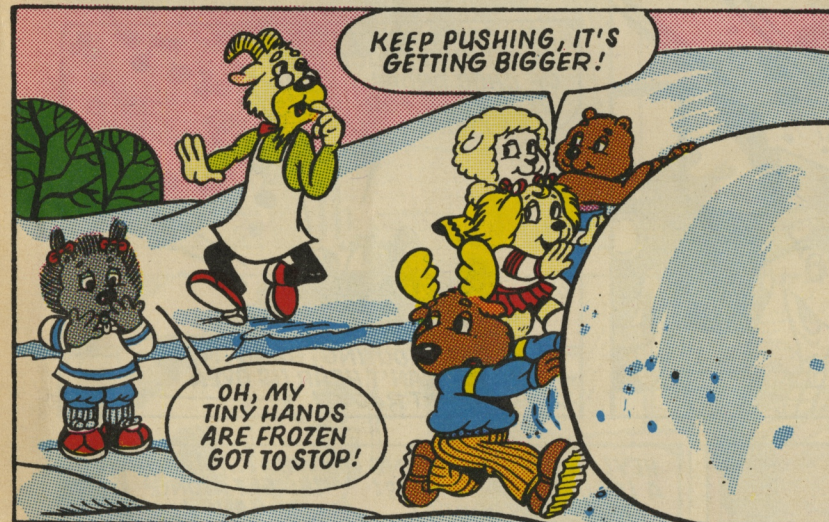
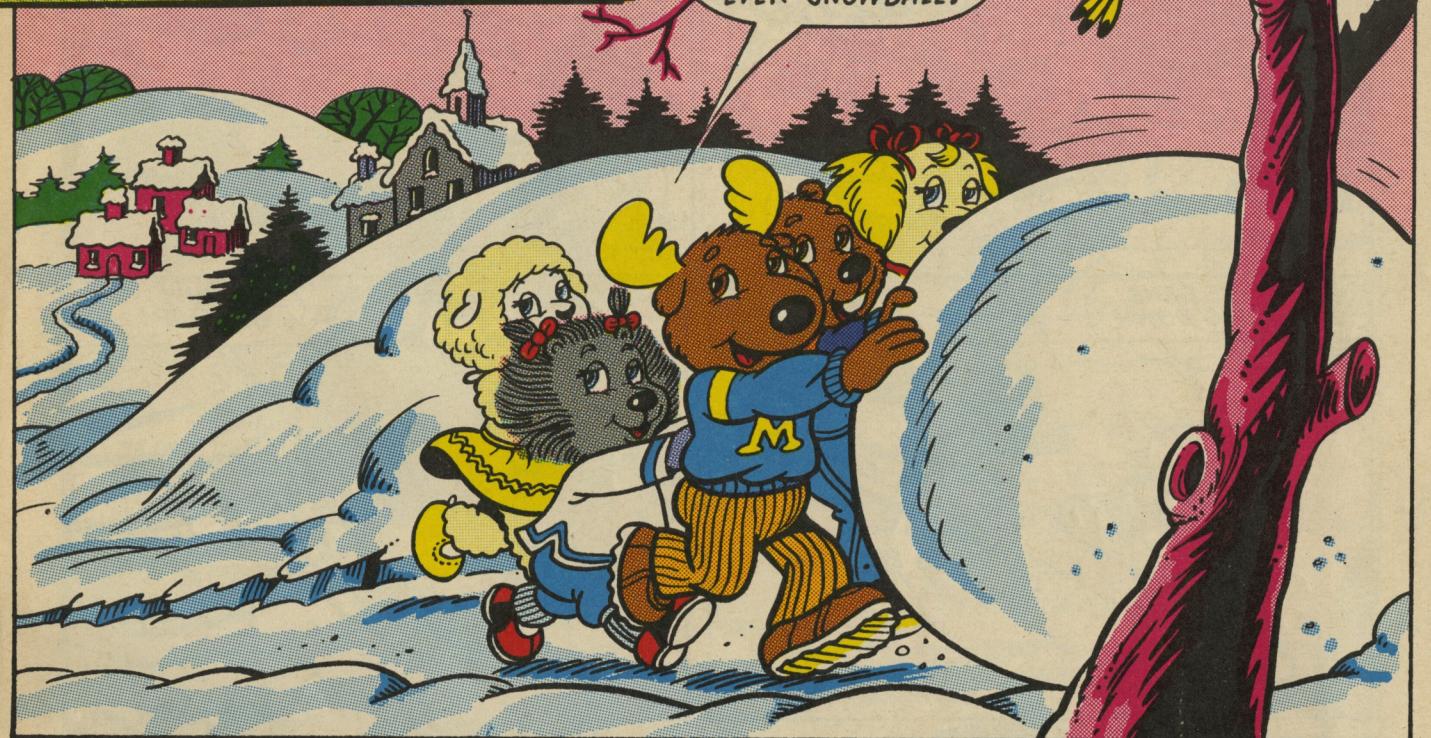


Try decorating your Christmas Surprise Box with cut-outs from old Christmas cards, wisps of cotton wool snow or tinsel. Why not cut two fringes from strips of paper folded double, to stick around the base and lid with UHU for a Christmas cake frill?

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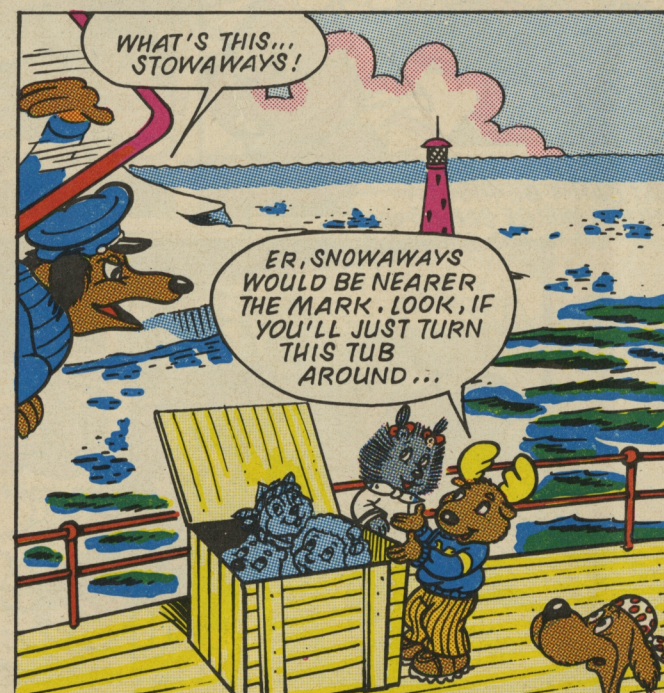
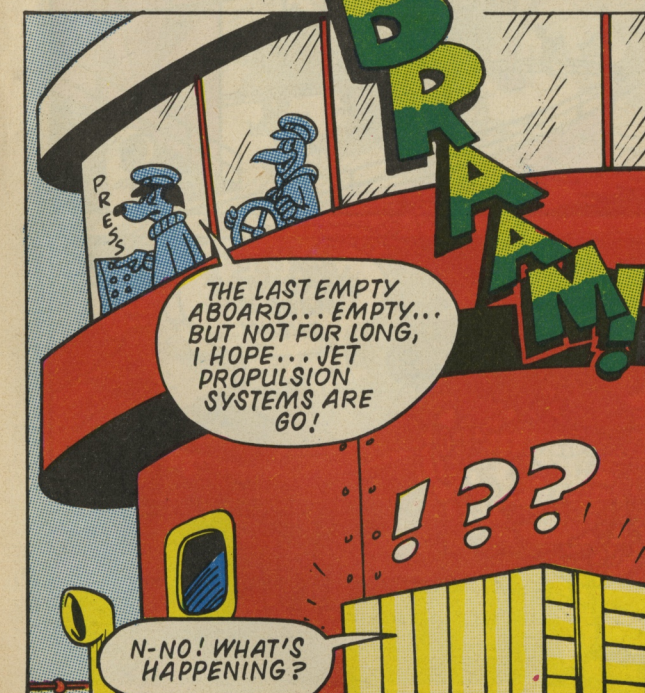
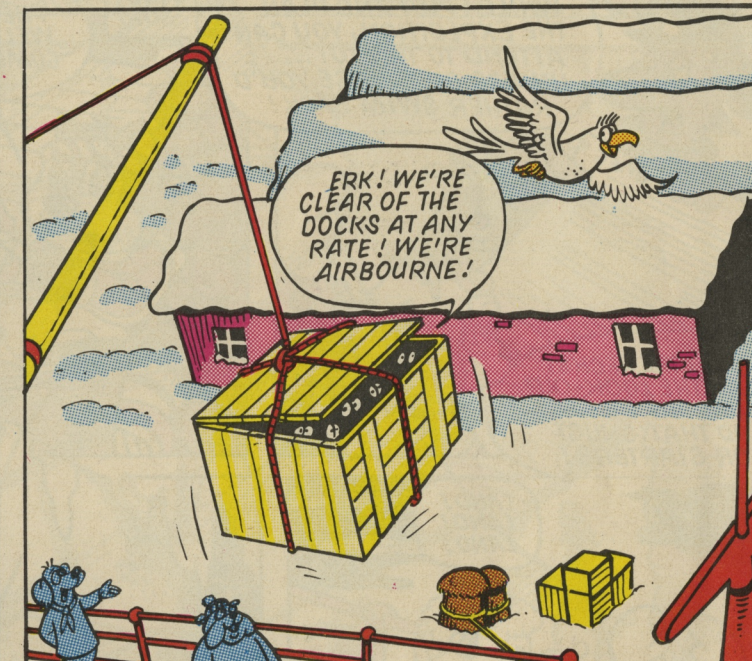
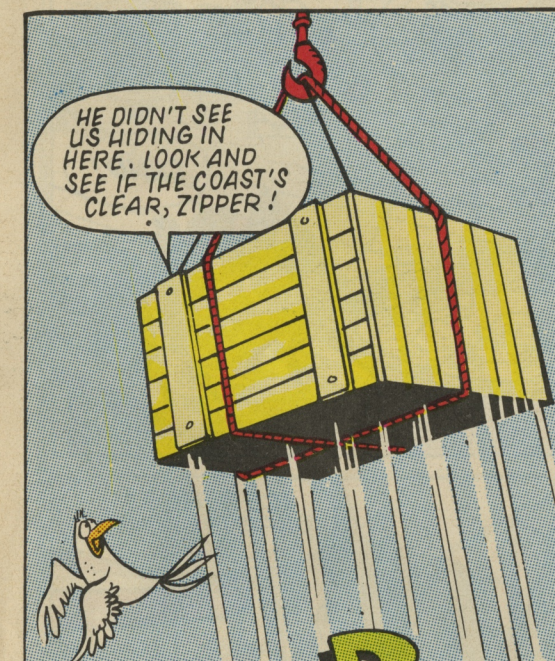
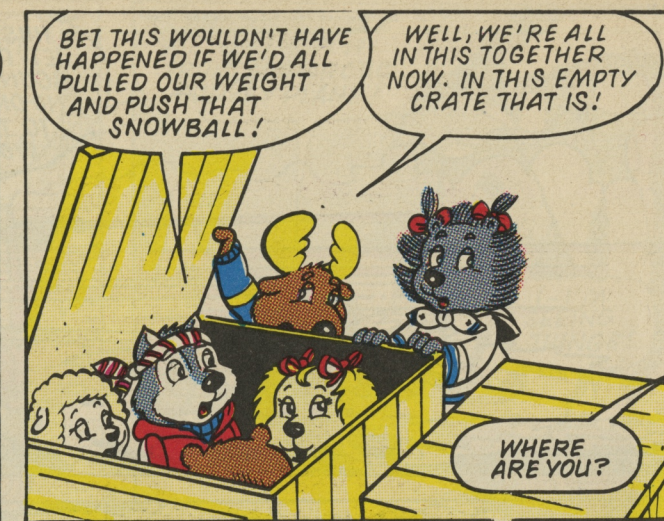
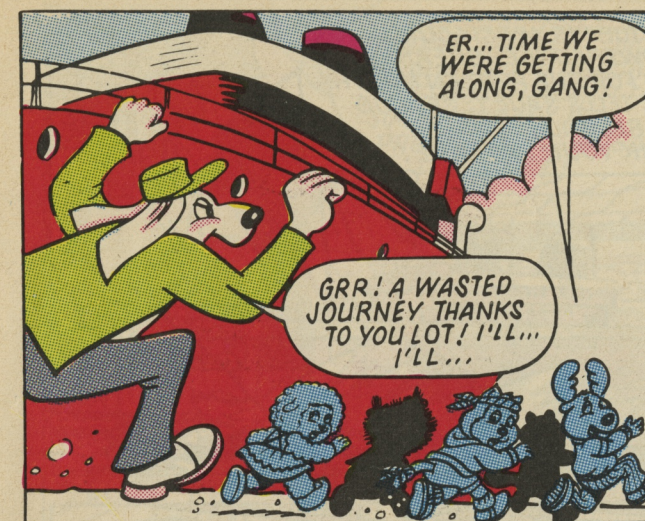
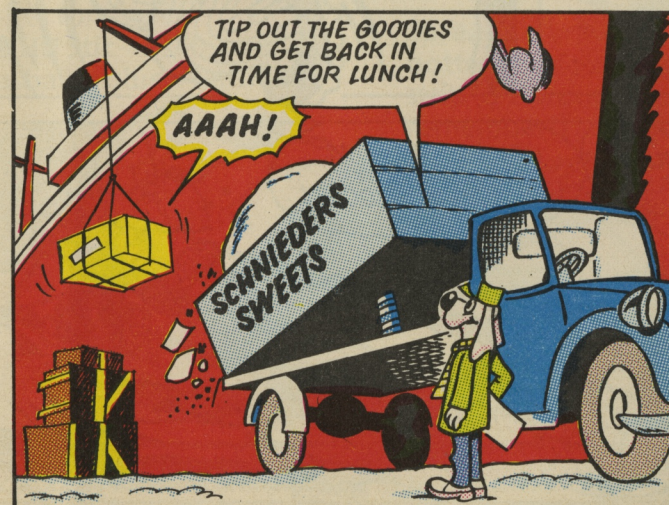
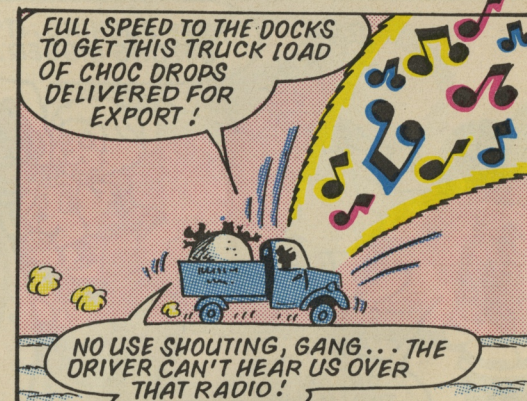
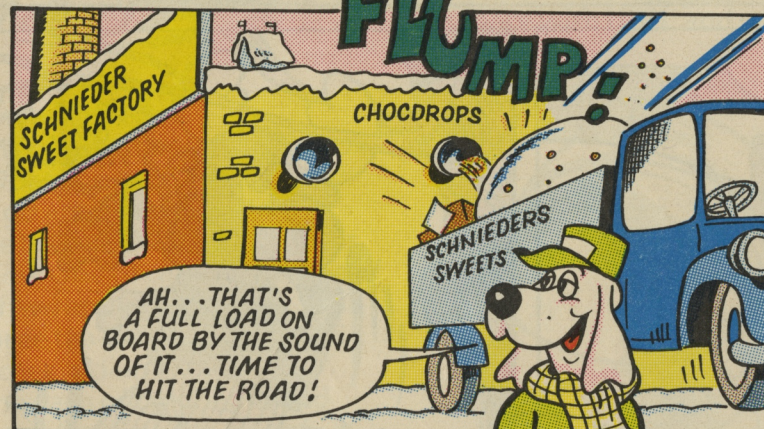
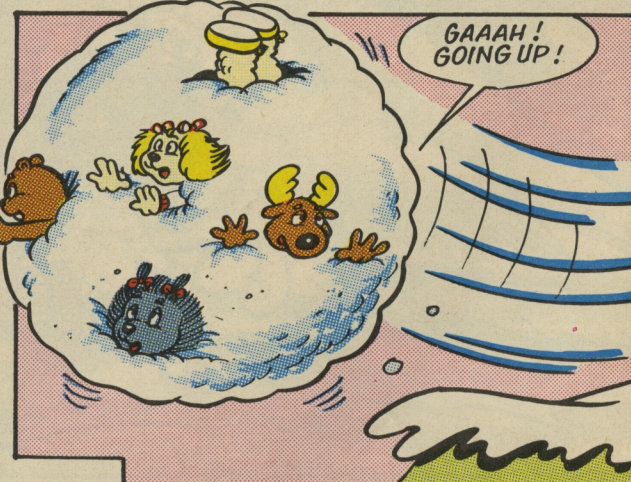
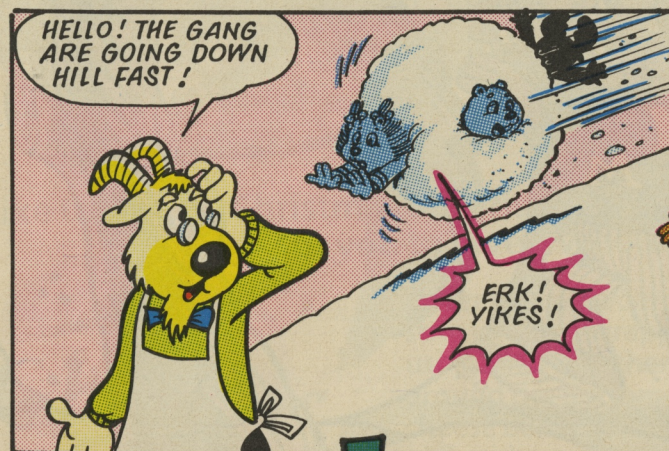
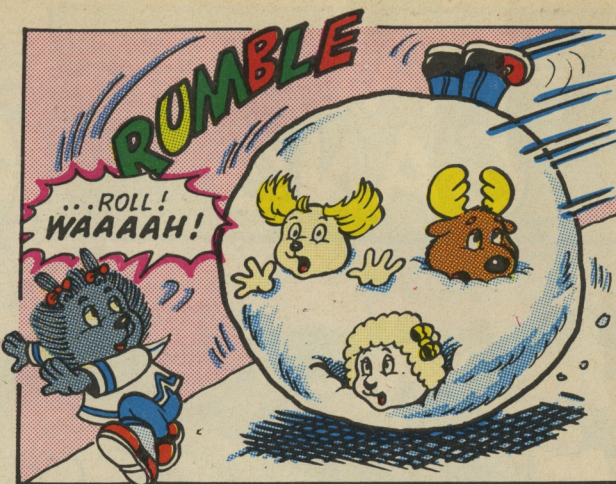
...IN WINTER WONDERLAND!

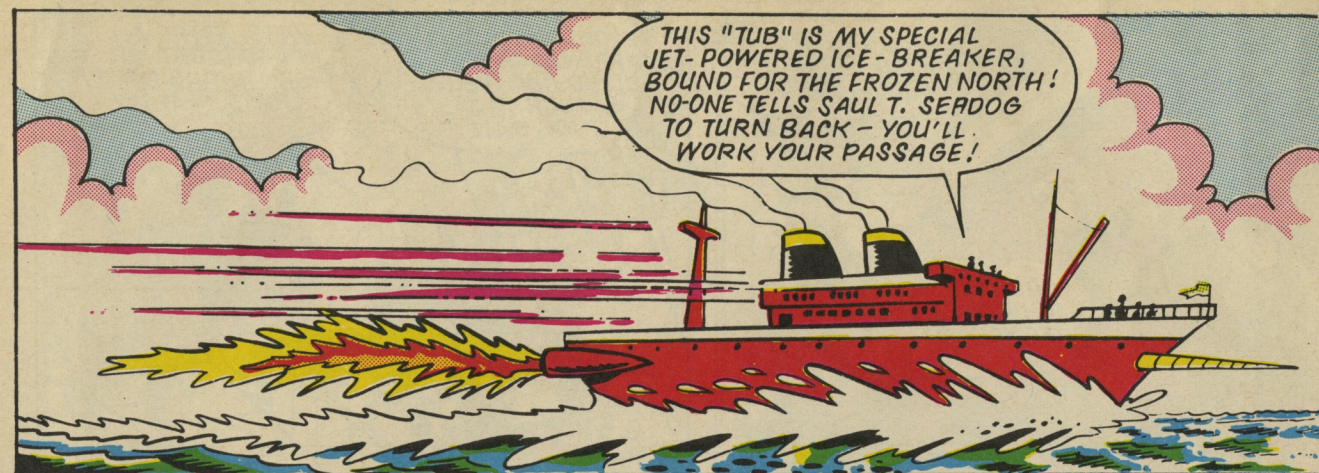
THE FUN WAY TO LEND HELPING HANDS, GANG! THIS WAY WE CLEAR THE ROAD – AND BUILD UP THE BIGGEST EVER-SNOWBALL!



OH, MY TINY HANDS ARE FROZEN GOT TO STOP!





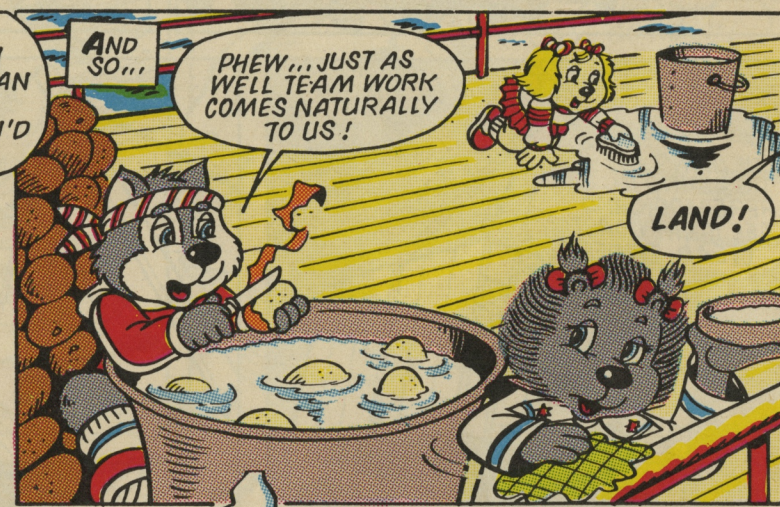


THIS "TUB" IS MY SPECIAL
JET-POWERED ICE-BREAKER,
BOUND FOR THE FROZEN NORTH!
NO-ONE TELLS SAUL T. SEADOG
TO TURN BACK - YOU'LL
WORK YOUR PASSAGE!



AND I MEAN WORK!
WHILE I PLOT AND PLAN
THE EXPEDITION, YOU CAN
ATTEND TO THIS LOT...
UNLESS OF COURSE YOU'D
RATHER SWIM BACK!

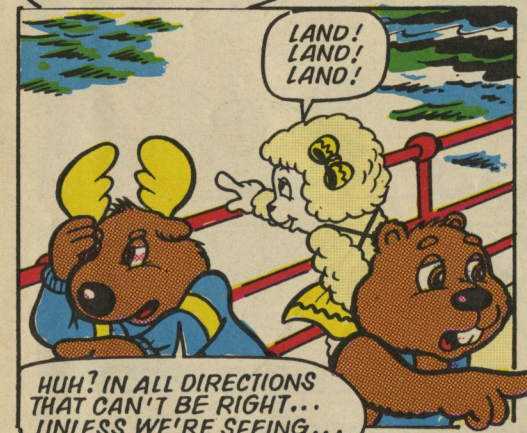
"SCRUB THE DECKS,
MAN THE LOOK-OUT,
PUMP THE BILGES..."
AND THAT'S JUST
FOR STARTERS!



AND
SO...

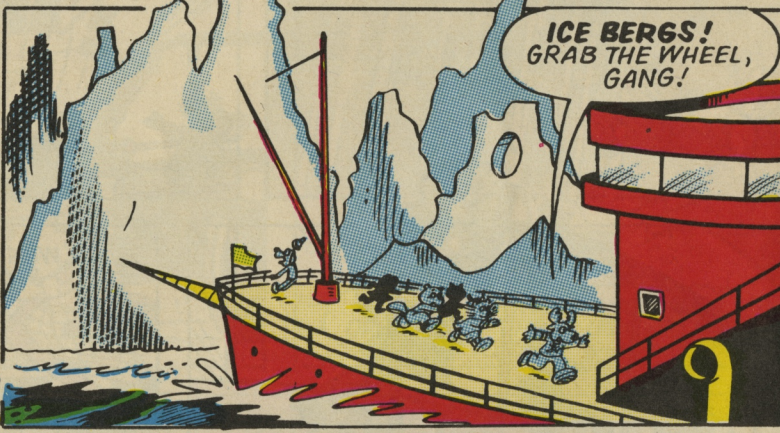
PHEW... JUST AS
WELL TEAM WORK
COMES NATURALLY
TO US!

LAND!

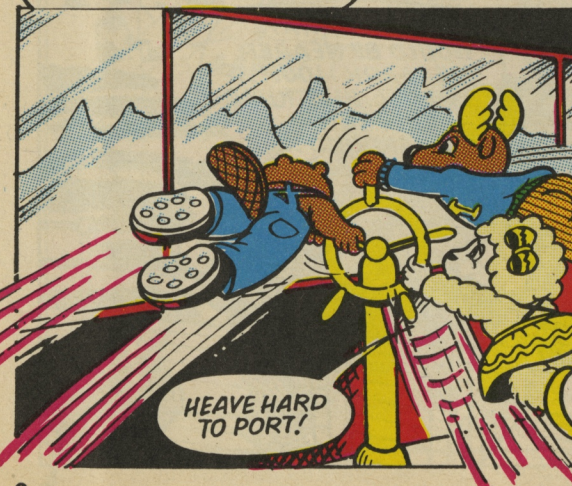


LAND!
LAND!
LAND!

HUH? IN ALL DIRECTIONS
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT...
UNLESS WE'RE SEEING...



ICE BERGS!
GRAB THE WHEEL,
GANG!



HEAVE HARD
TO PORT!



HARD TO
STARBOARD
MADE IT!
PHEW!

WHAT'S GOING
ON... YIPES...
ICE BERGS!



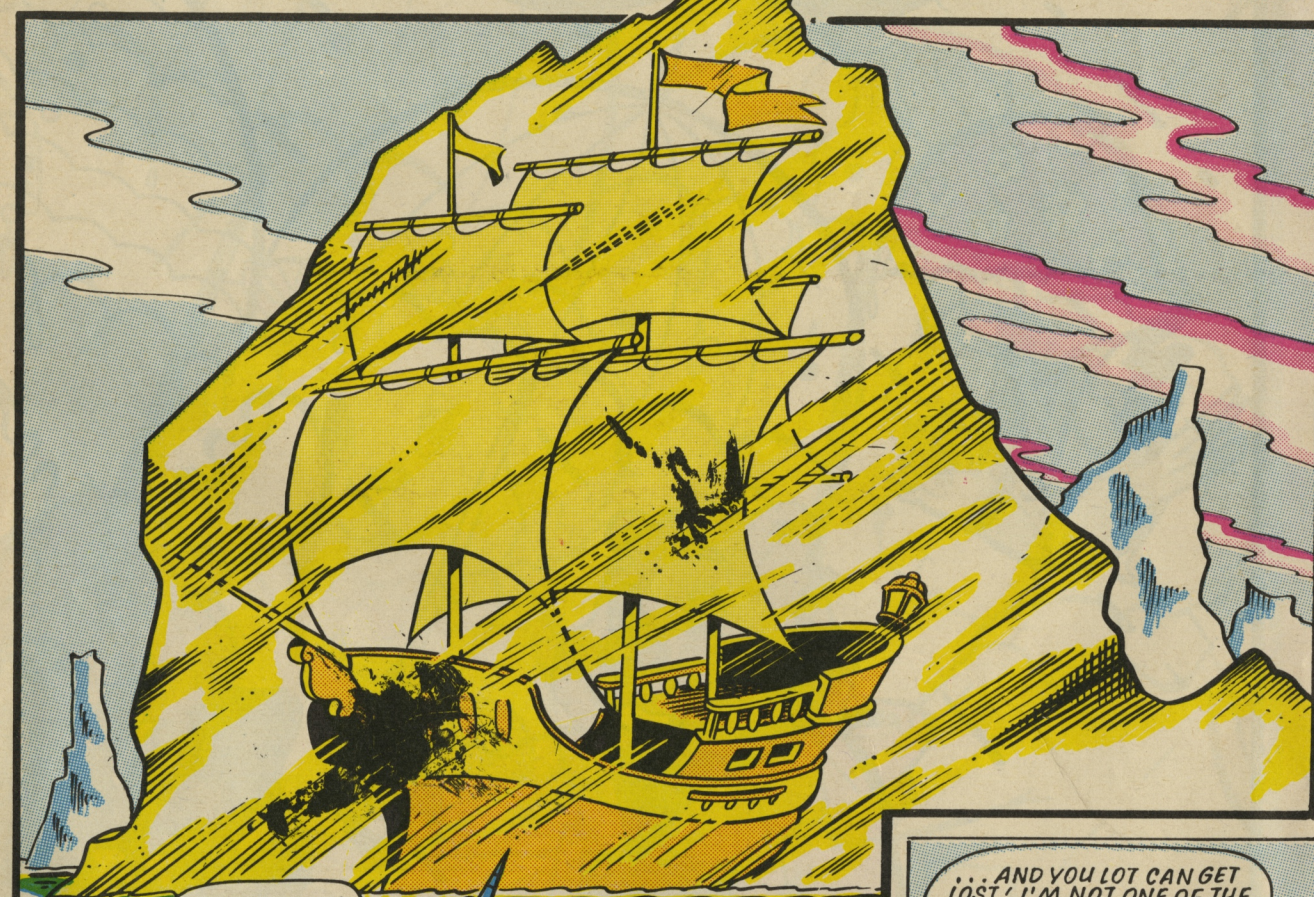
LUCKY I HAD YOU ALONG
TO SAVE THE DAY... DIDN'T
REALISE WE'D REACH
THE FROZEN NORTH SO
SOON! BUT MY JET-
PROPELLED ICE-BREAKER
CAN SHIFT!

BRR! FROZEN
NORTH, SOUTH,
EAST AND WEST
... THAT'S ME!



AND THERE IT IS!
JUST AS I SAW IT
FROM THE ARCTIC
SURVEY PLANE!

I-I'M
SEEING
THINGS!



WE ALL ARE!
A GOLDEN
GALLEON!

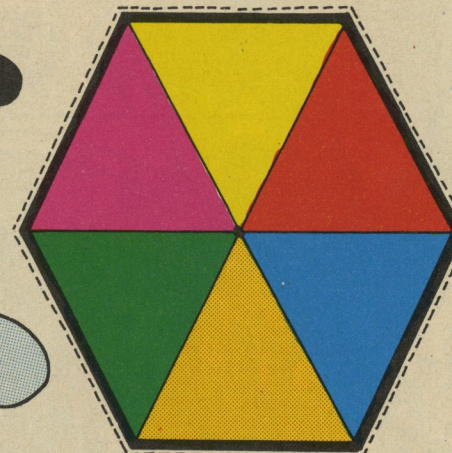
ENTOMBED IN A HUGE
WALL OF ICE! IMAGINE
THE WEALTH WITHIN. IF
I CAN GET AT IT, I'LL
GET RICH!



... AND YOU LOT CAN GET
LOST! I'M NOT ONE OF THE
GET ALONG GANG, SO I
DON'T BELIEVE IN
SHARING!

SPIN THE BROLLY

The Gang are splashing about in the rain. Help them colour in their umbrellas by spinning the brolly – a game for up to 4 players. Cut out your brolly spinner, stick it onto card and wedge a dead matchstick half-way through the hole in the middle. Each player has one brolly to colour. Take it in turns to spin the brolly. Fill in each section of the brolly as the spinner lands, telling you which bit you can colour. First to finish, wins!



LAMPITT & BRADSHAW.



Hi Kids!

Have you got your Christmas tree ready and finished all the decorations? We have!

Here's a good idea for more attractive decorations. Simply find some pine cones, stick or spray on some green glitter, finally, glue them on to a cotton reel and 'Hey Presto!' you have miniature trees for use anywhere.

Let us know what you make for Christmas so we can let everyone know for next year! Have fun from

Montgomery Moose



JOIN OUR CLUB JOIN THE GANG!

Thousands of kids are already members and you can join too! Speak to your Mum or Dad about joining to make sure they think it's a good idea as well. For a membership fee of only £2.50 membership is given for 12 months from the date of joining.

You will receive the Get Along Gang Official Membership Kit packed full of fun - a kit folder, a membership certificate & badge, a full set of 12 character picture cards, a newsletter from Montgomery "Good News" Moose and the Gang, a Club Rule Book containing details on how to start a Get Along Gang Club in your area with membership cards for your friends. The kit also contains the secret club code and a free miniature Get Along Gang character toy.

LOOK WHAT YOU GET

During the year Montgomery Moose will send you newsletters to let you know about the goings on at Green Meadow, he'll be suggesting fun things to do and setting exciting competitions - remember to let us know your birthday so Montgomery "Good News" Moose can include a super Get Along Gang birthday card.



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A FUN CLUB FOR KIDS
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I enclose £2.50 cheque/PO made payable to Get Along Gang Club.
Please enrol my child as an official member:-

Miss/Master

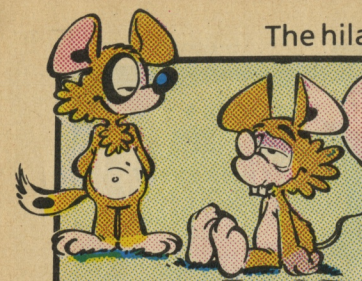
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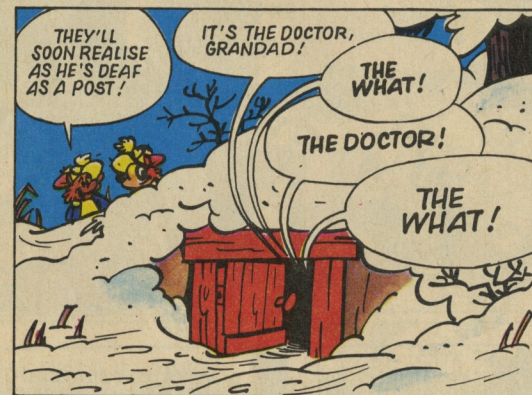
If more than one of you wishes to enrol please print details on a separate sheet of paper enclosing £2.50 cheque or PO for each new member.



The hilarious adventures of two little field-mice and their country-friends...

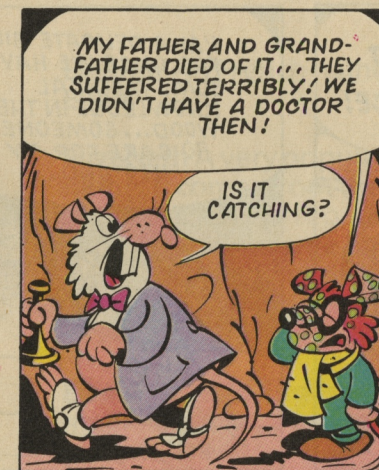
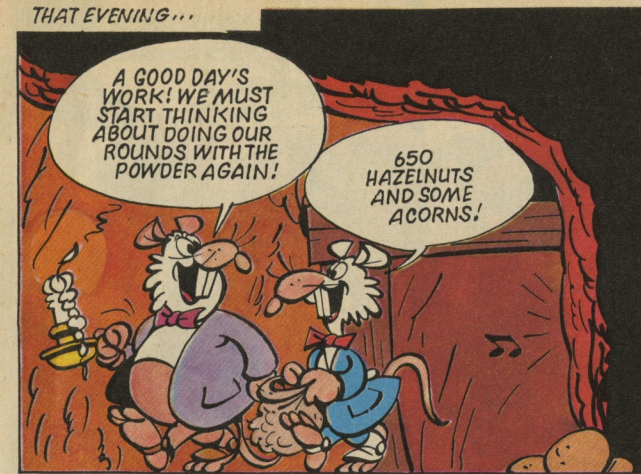
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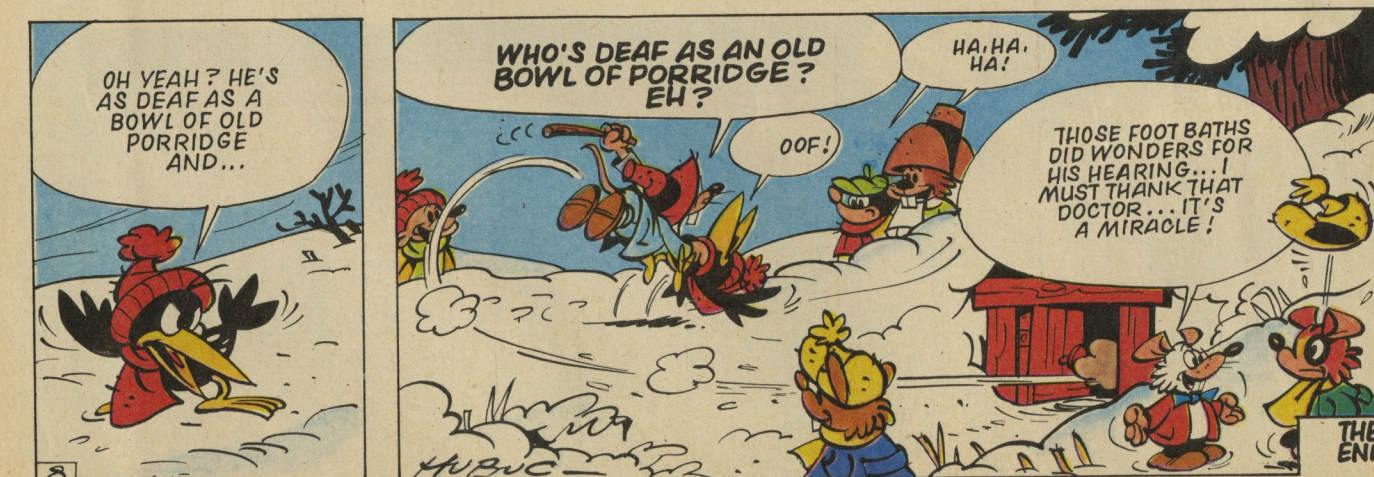
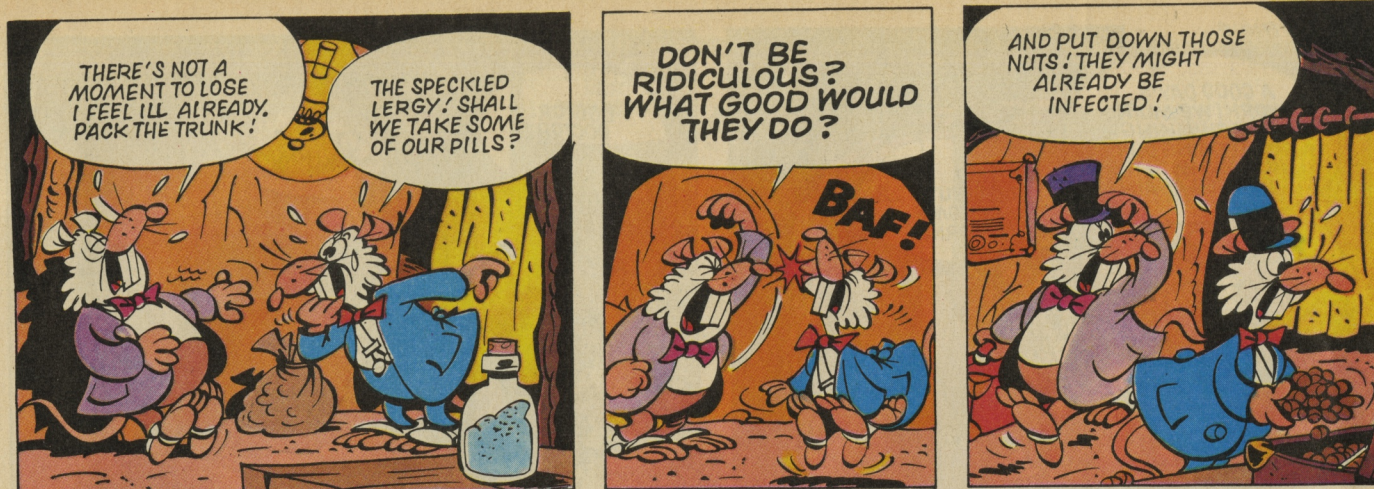
Two villains have arrived in the woods pretending to be doctors...





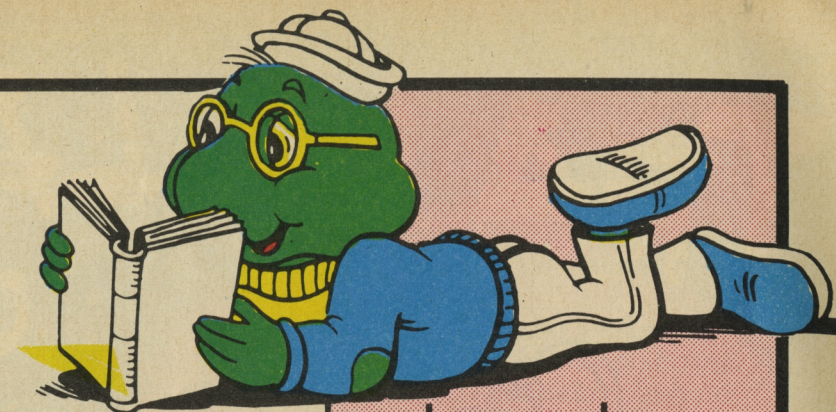
THAT EVENING...





The Meaning of Names!

AS EASY AS
ABC



names

Eleanor An French name. Also Ellen.

Elizabeth A very popular name. It comes from the Bible and means *God's Promise*. Our Queen has this name but when she was young, her nickname was *Lilibet*. Also *Bess*, *Beth*, *Eliza*, *Lizzy*.

Elsa A very old English name meaning *swan*, a beautiful and graceful bird.

Emily Hard working. Also *Amelia*, *Emma*.

Eve Another name from the Bible meaning *breath of life*. Also *Zoe*.

Evelyn Hazel-nut.

Eddy A very old name describing a *whirlpool of water running against the tide!*

Edith From the Old English word *ead* meaning *wealthy*.

Edward A popular name amongst *Kings* meaning *happy and rich*. Also *Ted*.

Edwin An old English name meaning *happy friend*.

Eileen An Irish name. Also *Aileen*, *Eilidh* and *Elaine*.



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The
Witch-Child



Imogen
Chichester

The **Witch-Child** by
Imogen Chichester.
Published by Puffin.
Price: £1.50.

Little Necromancy
Grumblethrust is sick and tired of the cold and damp old cave, deep in the forest where she lives with her father Zachary, the wizard and her witch-mother, Abigail. Being a witch isn't as much fun as it perhaps sounds to you and me! There are spells to be learnt, magic potions to concoct and, worse still - Necromancy has no friends her own age! She finally decides that she doesn't want to be a witch. She's going to go to school and live in a real house with windows. The problem is, how to set about it...

TRALA LA! IT'S CHRISTMAS!



John Gatehouse

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly!
Tra la la la tra la la la!
'Tis the season to be jolly!
Tra la la la tra la la la!"

A chorus of sweet voices rang out from inside the Caboose. The Gang looked pleased with themselves as they stood holding music sheets.

"We sound lovely," said Dotty, giving everyone added encouragement. "We're going to be the best carol singers in Green Meadow."

Outside, Catchum and Leland were listening in. "Not if we can help it," Catchum grinned, and they sneaked away to scheme.

The Gang, dressed warmly in their winter clothes, stood outside Officer Growler's house. It was the evening and they held glowing lanterns on sticks to read the music sheets by. Montgomery raised his hands to conduct them. "One... Two... Three...!"

"SCREEEEEEECCH! YOOOOOOO-OOOWWL! SCRRREEEEECCH!" The air was filled with the hideous sound of terrible singing.

"That's awful!" bellowed an outraged Officer Growler as he came to the door. "My budgie could do better! Be off with you!"

"Who was singing out of tune?" Montgomery demanded, turning on the others as Officer Growler slammed his door shut. "You've ruined our chances of making any money for the Old Folk's Christmas party!"

"It wasn't me!" argued an indignant Woolma. "I have the sweetest voice in Green Meadow. It's probably Zipper and Bingo."

"We were singing in tune!" Bingo exploded angrily. "You others were mucking about!"

It wasn't long before the Gang had fallen out, each deciding to go carol-singing alone. This pleased Catchum and Leland who were spying close by, Catchum holding a tape-recorder in his hands. "HAR! We made that dreadful noise earlier and taped it. Then we played it loudly when the Gang started singing so they'd get the blame."

Catchum removed the tape from the tape-recorder and replaced it with a different one. "With a bit more cheating we can make oodles of money. Come on, Leland, we're going singing."

Mr Hoofnagel handed Leland a shiny pound coin. "You lads do surprise me. I didn't know you could sing so well."

"Hah! He didn't realise we were miming to the carol-singers on your tape," Leland chuckled as the two pests hurried off. "You hid the tape-recorder behind your back while we pretended to sing."

"I'm brilliant," agreed Catchum. "And we'll soon be rich—unlike the dopey Get Along Gang."

The Gang's misfortunes had gone from bad to worse since they had broken up. While carol-singing, Woolma slipped on the icy pavement and received only laughter for her

effort. Zipper and Bingo were snow-balled by the Greenstreet Hill Mob. Snow, brought down off the roof of a house by their singing, covered Montgomery and Dotty. And the snow kept tickling Portia's nose, making her sneeze so she couldn't sing properly.

"This is useless," groaned Bingo after he and Zipper had escaped the Mob. "We haven't made a penny yet."

Just then, they spotted Catchum and Leland pretending to sing outside Mr Bullwhip's house. They also saw the tape-recorder hidden behind Catchum's back. "The cheats!" growled Zipper. "They must have ruined our carol-singing the same way. Let's get our own back."

The Gang watched nearby as Catchum and Leland stood outside Officer Growler's house, miming to the tape-recorder.

"I'm glad you warned us about those rotters," Montgomery thanked Zipper. "This explains everything. But if we work together, they won't get away with their cheating."

Zipper ran off to fetch his catapult from the Caboose while the others started making snowballs. When Zipper returned, Montgomery handed the catapult to Bingo. "You're a good shot," he told his friend. "Try and hit the tape-recorder with one of these snowballs."

Catchum and Leland were just pretending to finish singing their last carol when Bingo fired a snowball from the catapult. The snowball struck Catchum's hand, making him drop the recorder in the snow.

"OWW!" he squealed, then quickly recovered as Officer Growler gave him a funny look. The singing was still coming from the tape-recorder but as the snow seeped inside, the tape began to slow down.

"Silent night, ho...l...y...n...i...g...h...t...
A...l...l...i...s...c...a...l...m..."

Catchum and Leland mimed along with the tape. Catchum began to sweat uncomfortably as he realised something had gone wrong.

The Gang laughed merrily as Officer Growler pushed the boys aside to discover the tape recorder behind them.

"Cheaters! I want all the money you've made from carol-singing, you scoundrels!" he growled.

A glum Catchum handed over the money. "Why don't we give the money to the Old Folk's home so they can have a happy Christmas?" suggested Portia as the Gang hurried up.

"Good idea," agreed Officer Growler. "I'll take these nuisances to see their parents and then we can all go to the Green Meadow carol service."

Everyone gathered around the prettily-decorated Christmas tree and the carol began.

"Poor Catchum and Leland," Woolma smiled to the others. "When their parents spank them for cheating, they'll be singing too—but they won't enjoy it!"



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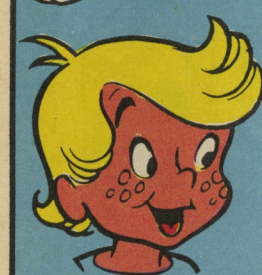


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The secret life of...



Joey Jordan



Joey's mum



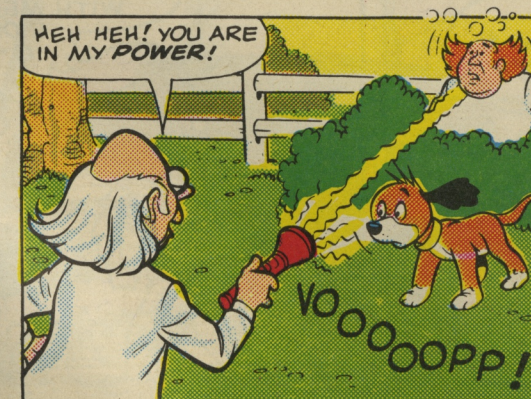
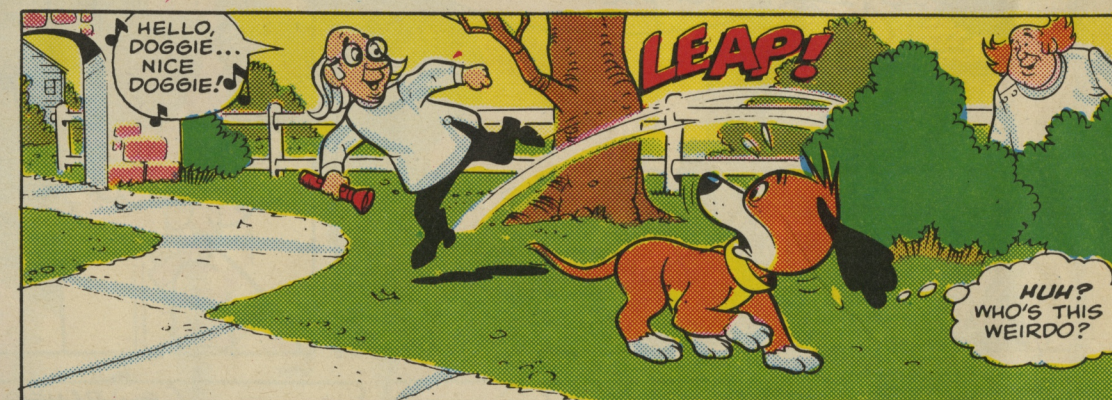
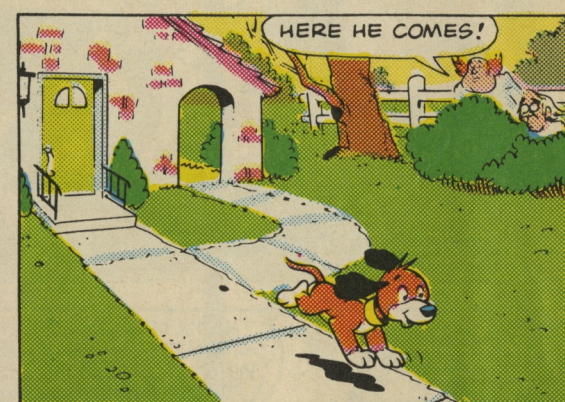
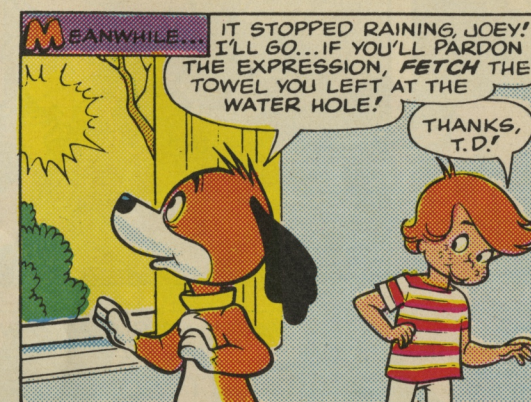
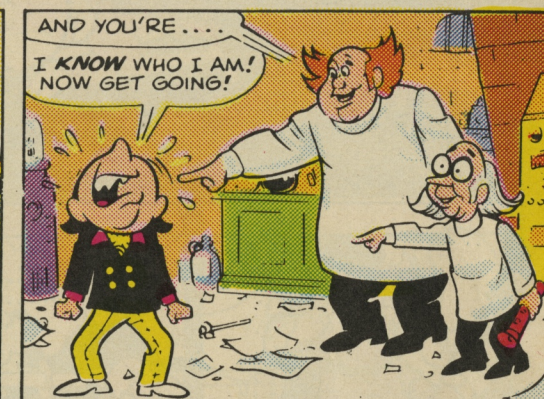
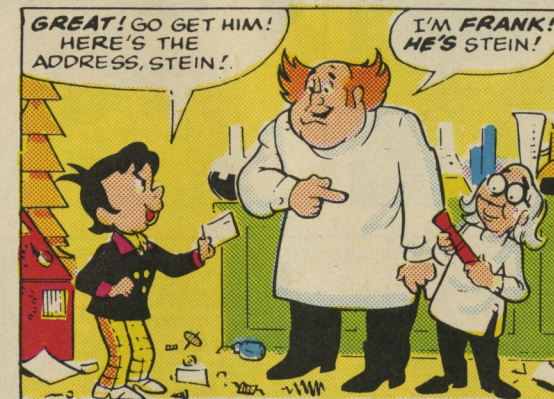
Joey's dad

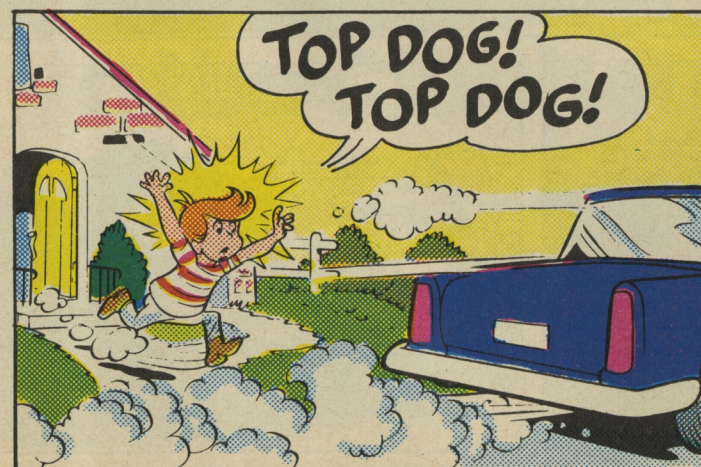
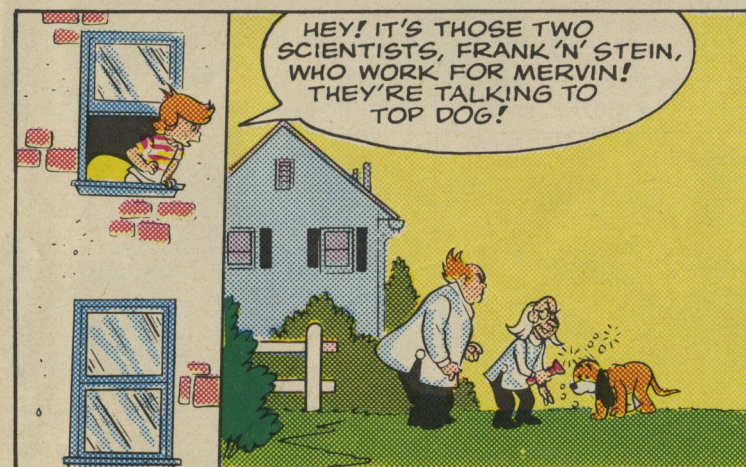
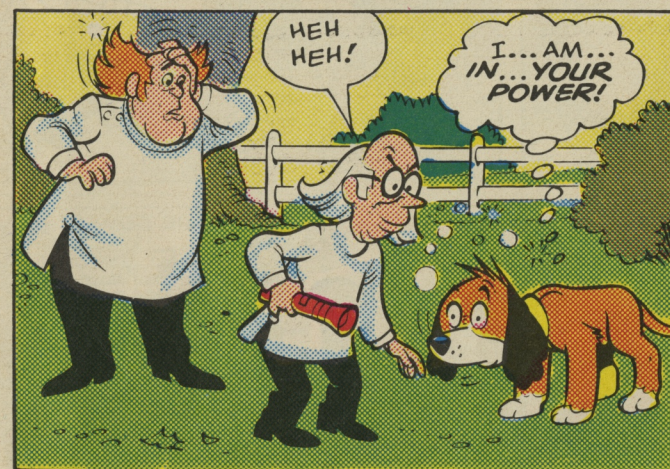
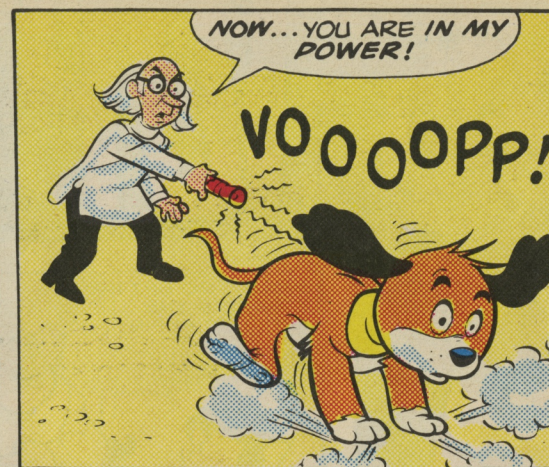


Lizzie Jordan

TOP DOG

Mervin Megabucks has always wanted Top Dog for himself! He has asked two mad professors, Frank 'n' Stein, to help him...





Braker's Book Mark



Every time I put a book down, I lose my place. So, I put on my thinking cap and invented a Get Along Gang Book-mark. Perhaps you'd like to make one? It'd make a great Christmas present for someone who likes books! Just stick this page onto card and then carefully cut around the dotted lines. Easy!



BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

The Get Along Gang would like to wish the following readers a very happy birthday.

Saturday

Judith Sykes who will be 7, Richard Humby who will be 9, Rory Charrau who will be 7, Fiona Power who will be 8, Nicky Clarke who will be 6, James Smith who will be 7, Dawn Webster who will be 6.

Sunday

Emily-Jayne Singleton who will be 9, Mark Barrington who will be 3, Daniel Godden who will be 6 and Bryn Reeves who will be 7.

Monday

Louise Williamson who will be 4, Donna Kiss who will be 10, Carole Edgan who will be 9, Nicola Dorries who will be 11, Laura Powell who will be 9 and Dawn Niblock.

Tuesday

Frances Andre who will be 8, Christopher Howard who will be 9, Carole Bowen who will be 42, Gary Gell who will be 7, birthday greetings to Jane Kemp from Amy and Lucy, Carla Simpson who will be 7, Jemma Carey who will be 7.

Thursday

Joanne Denyer who will be 7, Andrew Tucker who will be 6 and Keith Ditchburn who will be 6 years old with belated returns to Russell and Ian who sent requests in too late!

Wednesday

Angela Morton who will be 7, Anna Ward who will be 6 and Ricky Carey who will be 5.

Friday

Caroline Williams who will be 4, Amanda Sykes who will be 6, Matthew Ryder who will be 7, Abby Boles who will be 4, David Morgan who will be 6, Susan Cheesbrough who will be 7 and Ashley Cole who will be 5.

LETTERS



MISS MARMOTT ADVISES – Advice from Montgomery's teacher.

Dear Miss Marmot, My brother likes Catchum and Leland, but I like the gang. Whenever your gang wins, my brother rips up the comic. I never get to read it. I tried to put it together but it never works. Do you know what I can do?

Simone Tomas

A lot of us have brothers and sisters who perhaps do things which we do not like, so you aren't the only one, Simone. You'll just have to wait until he grows up enough to understand that getting along together is really the best way! Try pointing out to him that if he rips things up, then neither of you will be able to read the stories again or play the games on rainy, wintery days – so really, he's losing out too!

WRITE TO:
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MARVEL COMICS,
23 REDAN PLACE,
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LONDON W2 4SA.

TO THE CLUBHOUSE!

GET ALONG GANG ON TELEVISION!

Dear Montgomery, I love the Get Along Gang very much and I wish that you could put the Gang back on the television again! I got Flora Fox when I joined your club and I built a little house for Flora and the gang to live in.

Hannah Brackenbury.

The Get Along Gang should be back on your screens very soon... but watch this space to find out the exact dates! Sounds like Flora went to a good home.

CAT RESCUE!

Dear Montgomery, I thought that I would write and tell you about something I did. I saw a brown sack on some rocks and I thought "What's that doing there," so I picked it up and then I heard a "miaow". I opened the sack and inside there was a little kitten. I took it home for the night and the next morning we took it to the vet's. It had to have a metal pin in its leg because it was broken. We have kept the kitten and she is called Rambella (after Rambo).

Emma Golden.

Rambella's a lovely name, Emma. Well done!

JOKES GALORE!

What do you get if you cross a cow and Shakin' Stevens?
A milk-shake!
Richard Wasson.

What do you get if you cross a cow and a camel?
Lumpy milk!
Kerry Payne.

Where does Tarzan buy his clothes?
A jungle sale!
Oliver Winstanley.

If you would like a birthday request in your favourite comic, please remember to write in at least 7 weeks in advance on a postcard marked with your name, your birthday date and how old you'll be to:

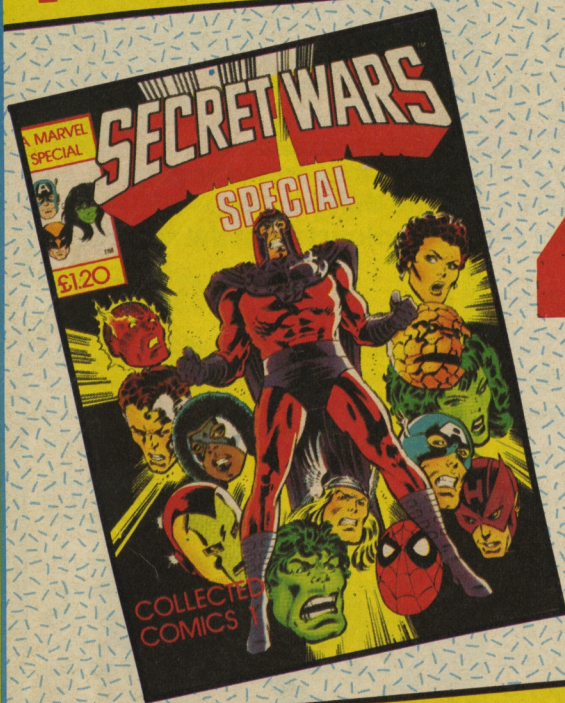
BIRTHDAY REQUESTS,
Get Along Gang,
Marvel Comics,
23 Redan Place,
Bayswater, London W2 4SA.

Can you hardly wait until Christmas? Is time going really slowly? Then take a tip from the gang... keep busy, that way you'll hardly notice the time going by! Here's just the thing to keep you busy... colour in this picture of us carol-singing. You can either copy the colours from the cover or think of new ones yourself!



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